MID-YEAR REPORTS

It has certainly been a busy time for teaching staff over the past month as they have written mid-year reports for all of our students. Reports will go home next Tuesday, June 23, and will include assessments for each of the curriculum areas studied at school.

It’s important to remember that these reports are designed to provide an overview of where the child is at, what progress has been made and plans for future learning. You are welcome to make an appointment with your child’s teacher if you would like to discuss your child’s progress in more detail.

A feature of the reporting system used across the state is that progress for the 12-month period is shown by a dotted line connecting two circles. The white circle shows the level of performance 12 months ago and the black circle shows the current level of achievement.

Black dots contained anywhere within the yellow band show that your child is working within the expected range for their year level. Black dots outside of the yellow band indicates the level of achievement is above or below the expected level. See the first page of your child’s report for further explanation.

We encourage parents to contact their child’s classroom teacher if there is anything contained in the report requiring clarification, or follow up discussion…that’s the reason for reports going home on Tuesday, rather than on the last day of term. You are also welcome to arrange further follow up with Bernie or Sue if you feel that is required.

2016 ENROLMENTS DUE NOW!!

A REMINDER TO PARENTS THAT 2016 PREP ENROLMENTS ARE DUE BY JUNE 26, THE END OF TERM 2
SCHOOL REVIEW

As communicated earlier this term in the school newsletter, this is a year of review for our school. All state schools work through a thorough review process with the guidance of an independent reviewer every 4 years. Following their review, schools develop a Strategic Plan that guides their work for the following 4 years. Our review day (the day we work with our reviewer) is early in term 4 (October 7), so we are currently working through the process of preparing for that. This largely consists of developing a Self-Evaluation statement under the headings of:

- **Student Learning** (With a focus on Literacy & Numeracy.)
- **Student Wellbeing** (This refers to the school environment…the extent to which the environment is inclusive, safe, orderly and stimulating for our students.)
- **Student Engagement** (This looks at the extent to which students feel connected to, engaged & motivated in their learning. This section also looks at the extent to which students are supported with their transition through the school.)
- **Productivity** (This relates to the effective allocation and use of resources - people, time, space, funding, facilities, community expertise, professional learning, class structures, timetables, individual learning plans and facilities.)

Over the past month we have made considerable progress with the self-evaluation. There are various teams and individuals gathering feedback and looking closely at our performance within each of the 4 review sections.

The gathering feedback process has included some terrific discussions/workshops at PLP meetings. PLP meetings always present a good opportunity to source parent feedback. Mrs Deans has also led forums with students to get a sense of their thinking as well. This information all feeds into discussions held with staff at school and helps us build a better sense of how we’re doing and the direction we’d like to take in the foreseeable future.

If you have questions regarding the review or have feedback you would like to provide, give Bernie a call.
**Amazing Buninyong Child**

Our winners for this week are:

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**Act of Kindness**

Cooper Sholer

Cooper saw that as the class was pairing up for an activity, one student was left by themselves. Cooper went out of his way to help that person find a partner even though he had already found his own. Very thoughtful!

**QUESTION**

What major sporting event will occur in Tokyo in 2020?

**ANSWER**

The Olympic Games

**THE WINNER IS:**

Isabella Coleman
LOOKING TOWARDS 2016

Last Thursday after school, we had a parent meeting to discuss further the proposal for the provision of specialist subjects for our Scotsburn students. It was fantastic to see so many families in attendance. Bernie and Shaun talked through the details in greater depth and also provided the opportunity for parents to express their views. If you would like a hard copy of the minutes taken at the meeting please drop in and see Shaun. Bernie has now decided that the proposal to run specialist classes at Scotsburn is the best way forward, so planning will start to ensure that this transition occurs smoothly. Deciding upon which specialist subjects will be offered for the students at Scotsburn is our next consideration for parents. This week, Scotsburn parents will receive a follow up letter outlining where we are at, some specialist subject options to think about, and an opportunity for you to express the subjects that you think we should consider. Please return this form to Shaun by Friday 26th June.

MINION MOVIE

Over the last 2 weeks, Ms Morris and our student teacher Mr Kaljouw have been working very hard with the students to create a Minions themed video in the hope of winning a $25000 prize advertised on Sunrise. Thank you very much to Marita Williams for helping organise the props and to the parents that supported by driving their children to the Bunnings BBQ. If you log into http://scotsburnsenior2015.blogspot.com.au you will be able to view the movie.

MINION COSTUMES FOR SALE

At this stage there are 1 girl and 1 boy minion costumes up for sale (sizes 4-6 and only used for the filming). The school paid $30 for each and are looking to get back as much money for them as we can. If you are interested in purchasing one, please see Ms Morris.

CONGRATULATIONS MELODY

Well done to Melody White who was awarded with her pen licence at the Scotsburn assembly on Monday.

H&HR

Thank you to Sarah & Trudy for offering up their time to facilitate the very important Health and Human Relations Program with Our Grade 6’s and Grade 5 girls. Our students will certainly benefit greatly from the experience.

GRADE 4 CAMP

The Grade 4 Scotsburn students, alongside the Grade 4’s from Buninyong went to their camp at Anglesea last week. The activities started immediately and our group hit the climbing wall first. Following this was the giant swing and the low ropes. After a delicious lasagne tea, we all embarked on a night walk, led by Mr Conlan. A good night’s sleep later (well in the girls cabin anyway), we set off on our last two activities, mountain biking and the much anticipated Geocaching. Happily exhausted, we all returned to Buninyong with Mr Bell. A big well done to all our students who represented the campus in brilliant form.

CONGRATULATIONS CAMPBELL AND ALICE

Last week, Campbell and Alice represented the school at the Regional Cross Country competition at Warrnambool. They both competed extremely well and gave it their best shot. Well done. Unfortunately, Mia who also qualified had her appendix out recently so she was unable to run.

LUNCH ORDER ROSTER

Thank you to the parents that have offered to bring lunch orders up to Scotsburn each Thursday by 1pm. We also have Marita, Marg and Sarah helping in the canteen during Term 4 but still need 3 more. Please let Shaun know ASAP if you can help on the days that are not as yet filled. A roster is being prepared by Natasha (Alice and Mia’s mum) for parents to drive the lunch orders up to Scotsburn on a Thursday in Term 3. Please let her know ASAP if you can help.

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Monday Rotations

Our next rotation for the term will be on the (22nd June). Our groups will be doing the following:

- Cooking – Group 2 (Parent helper – Cassia Drever-Smith)
- ICT – Group 3
- Gardening – Group 1 (Parent helper – Natasha Adam)

Please remember to pay the $15 for this semester or $30 for the year to the office at Buninyong for the cooking program. A friendly reminder to bring along your gum boots if you are helping out with the gardening.

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CAMPS, SPORTS & EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF)

Due Date: Wednesday 24th June
No Later Applications Can Be Accepted

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SCOTSBURN NEWS CONTINUED

CATCHING UP FOR A TEA OR COFFEE

Please remember that the old building is always available from about 9.15am for parents to catch up for a tea or coffee.

STAFF MEETING AT SCOTSBURN

Last week we had our staff meeting at Scotsburn. It is always great for the staff at Buninyong to come up and see our campus, and the positive comments that we received were wonderful. A nice cup of soup also made them feel right at home!

IMPORTANT DATES
• 17th June - Pupil Free Day - No School
• 25th June - Gr P-6 Responsible Pet Talk
• 26th June - Term 2 Finishes
• 13th July - Term 3 Starts

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If you hold a valid means-tested concession card or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible for CSEF. The allowance will be paid to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions, or sporting activities for the benefit of your child.

The annual CSEF amount per student will be:
• $125 for primary school students
• $225 for secondary school students.

How to Apply
Contact the school office to obtain a CSEF application form or download from www.education.vic.gov.au/csef

Closing Date
You should lodge a CSEF application form at the school by 26 June 2015.
For more information about the CSEF visit www.education.vic.gov.au/csef
IS YOUR CHILD BEING AWARE OF THEIR SURROUNDS?

Recently we received notification of one of our students using their iPad when walking across a road which poses a great risk to their safety. We see that the majority of our students do not do this and should be congratulated on their transport to and from school with their devices. Saying this, there are a minority group of students who have been using their iPads when travelling back and forth to school.

As a school, we **do not condone** using any devices while walking to and from school (particularly around roads and areas highly populated with people) as this decreases a child’s awareness of their surroundings and may increase their risk of injury or harm.

All teachers on yard duty before and after school will be enforcing this rule around the school grounds. However, out of school we cannot monitor this and ask that all parents/caregivers please work with us and have a discussion with their child(ren) regarding the risks of not paying attention to our surrounds.

Let’s keep our kids safe together.

DRIVING AND PARKING SAFELY AROUND OUR SCHOOL

School opening and closing hours are busy times for pedestrian and vehicular traffic outside the school.

Always take extra care in 40km/h school zones, which operate on gazetted school days.

Park safely even if it means walking further to the school gate.

Observe all parking signs. They are planned with children’s safety in mind.

NEVER double park as it puts children at risk.

Model safe and considerate behaviour for your child – they will learn from you.

School opening and closing hours are busy times for pedestrian and vehicular traffic outside the school.

Slow down near the school crossing.

At a supervised crossing, observe the directions of the school crossing supervisor.

Always park and turn legally around the school.

**Avoid dangerous manoeuvres** such as U-turns and three-point turns.

Always give way to pedestrians particularly when entering and leaving driveways.

Avoid parking across the school driveway or the entrance to the school car park.

Using your school’s drop off and pick up facility will help keep all children as safe as possible during the busiest times of the school day.

Avoid parking in or near the school bus bay.
Recently the Grade 3 students from the Buninyong Campus went on a visit to the Ecolinc Science Centre and then they paid us a return visit the following week to continue their learning. Here are some photos from their visit to Ecolinc. Students explored the wetlands to find evidence of animals, classify local plant life and explore macro invertebrates from a sample of water using a microscope.

**AFTER SCHOOL 3/4 AND 5/6 NETBALL INFORMATION**

If your child is in either grade 3 - 6 and has expressed interest in joining our school netball team, here is some information:

- The game is on a Tuesday night after school at Llanberris.
- Before your child takes the court they need to be registered with Victoria Netball Association (VNA). The costs of this is $47. Please pay this amount to either Miss Thornton or Miss Gaylard and they will fill in the information.
- Players also pay $5.00 each week.
- A draw will be sent home with your child of the time that they play as soon as we receive it from Llanberris.
- The season starts 28th of July.
- Please arrive at least 5 minutes before to pay and get organised.
- There will be training sessions at school prior to the games every week. These sessions will be running during lunch times.

If you would like further information, please contact Jessica Thornton or Rebecca Gaylard.
Grade 3 Camp

On Camp, the Grade 3’s went to the Marine Discovery Centre in Queenscliff. The students loved exploring the various sea creatures that live in Port Phillip Bay. They got to get up close and personal in the touch tank and then learned all about animal’s adaptations and how they use these to survive in the wild.
The canteen team will be having a **HOT MILO DAY** on Friday 19th June.

$1 per cup and they will be on offer at both recess and lunchtime.